

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve new contract with **Osmore Utilities Services, Inc.** for **Pole Inspection, Test, & Treat, and NESC and Joint Use Inspections.**

Board Meeting Date: January 7, 2025  
Project Name/Contract #: Pole Inspection, Test & Treat, NESC and Joint Use Inspections / 24-200S  
Manager: Tyler Nice Ext. 7419  
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$1,000,000  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0  
Spend over last approval: \$0  
Amount this Request: \$1,000,000  
% Increase over last approval: NA  
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$1,000,000 (Over 5-years)**

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Formal RFP  
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA  
Term of Agreement: Initial term is one (1) year, with option to renew up to five (5) years total  
Option to Renew? Yes, annually up to 5 years total  
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 4 (\$145,577.05 - \$258,679.06 per year)  
Selection Basis: Highest Ranked Proposer  
Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB is required to maintain poles, clearances and equipment condition in our transmission and distribution systems for regulatory compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Electrical Safety Codes (NESC) and Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) requirements for system component quality and safety. This work directly supports Organizational Goal #2: Compliance adherence.

### Contracted Goods or Services

Services under the contract include: Wood Pole Inspection, Test and Treatment services, National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) Inspection of up to an estimated 2,500 wood transmission and distribution poles, and non-wood transmission and distribution poles (i.e. steel, concrete, fiberglass, ductile iron, etc.) each year. Staff estimate the cost of these services will be \$1,000,000 over a total five-year period, however, this is a requirements contract (price agreement) and the exact total amount of this contract is based on need and not on any specific dollar amount.

Wood Pole inspections will locate damage caused by decay, fungi, insects, woodpeckers, fire, machinery, or other causes. The condition of crossarms and attachments including insulators, bolts, guy wires, and ground wires will be observed and reported. Inspection services include visual observations, excavating, drilling, and climbing activities. For wood poles that pass the inspections, fumigant treatment will be applied. For poles that are rejected during the inspection, EWEB staff will assess for repair or replacement.

NESC and Joint Use Pole Inspection will include detailed visual inspections on all poles and attachments for compliance with NESC and Oregon Public Utility Commission Safety Rules.

Purchasing Process

In October 2024, EWEB issued a formal Request for Proposals (RFP 24-200-S) for pole inspection, test and treatment, and NESC and Joint-Use Inspection Services. This solicitation was advertised on OregonBuys, the state of Oregon procurement site.

Four proposals were evaluated and scored. Criteria and weighting included: ability and capability to perform the services (45%); project approach and reporting (25%); and pricing (30%). Osmose Utilities Services was selected as the highest ranked, responsive and responsible proposer. Osmose personnel assigned to this project are from the Eugene/Springfield and Portland areas.

Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Alamon, Inc.	Kalispell, MT	\$178,205.00	2
Intec Services, Inc.	Fort Collins, CO	\$258,679.06	4
National Wood Treating	Albany, OR	\$145,577.05	3
Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.	Atlanta, GA	\$181,768.32	1

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
20-081-S	Pole Inspect, Test and Treat	7/7/20	7/10/20 - 12/31/24	\$560,000	\$866,735	AW/ EW
Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other						

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. for Pole Inspection, Test, & Treat, and NESC and Joint Use Inspections. Approximately \$250,000 was planned for these services in the Electric Division 2025 budget of \$7.7 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Electric O&M, Electric Division, Contracted Labor